Regarding installation of letter boxes, the present target is to provide a letter box in all villages with population over 500. It is expected to achieve the target within two years.

Statement

Statement regarding No. of villeges without Post Offices and Letter Boxes as on 31-12-93

S. No.	Name of Circle	Villages without Post offices	Villages without Letter Boxes
1.	Andhra Pradesh.	11927	153
2.	Assam . .	21144	15085
3.	Bihar . .	56445	46671
4.	Delhi . .	63	—
5.	Gujarat . .	10070	—
6.	Haryana . .	4509	—
7.	Himachal Pradesh	14475	10756
8.	Jammu & Kashmir . . .	5111	3650
9.	Karnataka .	18644	8133
10.	Kerala . .	—	—
11.	Maharashtra .	25921	5467
12.	Madhya Pradesh	61655	40023
13.	North-East .	11478	7426
14.	Orissa . .	39388	33058
15.	Punjab . .	9066	—
16.	Rajasthan .	27952	12826
17.	Tamil Nadu .	7300	—
18.	Uttar Pradesh .	94811	45167
19.	West Bengal .	31236	17346
	All India Total	451195	245761

Updated Information of Telephone Directories

4384. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to provide telephone subscribers, under Hyderabad Telecom, regular and updated telephone directories, with accurate information;

(b) whether it is a fact that frequent changes of telephone numbers are not properly mentioned in such directories; and

(c) what is the system proposed to arrange directories on a regular basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) To ensure regular and updated telephone directories, Hyderabad Telecom District has entered into a comprehensive contract with a firm for printing, binding, supply of paper, advertisement and delivery of adequate no. of copies for a period of 5 years. Wherever there are changes in telephone Nos. in between the publication of telephone directories and their supplemental issues, the same is published in leading newspapers for the information of the subscribers. The changes in numbers are covered in the subsequent issues of supplementary directories wherever possible.

Postal Facilities in Hyderabad

4385. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are proposed to improve postal facilities in the industrial townships and outskirts of Hyderabad;

(b) what are the innovative measures proposed to ensure prompt and satisfactory mail delivery and mail collection;

(c) whether the Postal Department propose to monitor the despatch and receipt of money orders; and

(d) whether this monitoring has been done in 1993-94 and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) In the first two years of the Eighth Five Year Plan, ten post offices were opened in industrial townships and outskirts of Hyderabad to improve the postal facilities, the details of which are given at Statement (*See* below).

(b) All the post offices are connected by mail motor service for conveyance of mails and collection of delivery. The clearance of letter boxes and delivery of letters is closely monitored through various channels.

(c) to (d) The receipt and despatch of money orders are being test checked at various post offices and RMS offices through field staff.